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!How do we Enter Heaven

My beloved kids, O beloved kids to Hussain (A.S.). I am the Hussaini Child. In this book (The Path to Heaven), we will walk together in the footsteps of Imam Hussain (A.S.) from his birth in Medina until his martyrdom in Karbala

On our way to Heaven, we will see Al-Abbas, Ali Al-Akbar and AlQasim. We will see the companions of Hussain (A.S.) like Habib ibn Madhahir, Saeed Al-Hanafi, Muslim Ibn Ausajah and Al-Hurr AlRiahi; Al-Hurr who left the army of Yazid to join Hussain (A.S.) as a martyr

On our way to Heaven, we will be with Hussain (A.S.) while he is alone with no companion or helper. We will be close to him as he takes the blood of the infant (Abdullah) and throws it to the sky, and says: Take (O Allah) until you are content

On our way to Heaven, we will see how Hussain (A.S.) sacrifices everything for the sake of pleasing Allah Almighty

This is my Imam, so Know him

Medina

Did you know that the father of Imam Hussain (A.S.) is Imam Ali (A.S.) and his mother is Fatima Al-Zahra (A.S.) and his grandfather is Mohammad Al-Mustafa (PBUH) and his brother is Imam Hassan Al-Mujtaba (A.S).

He was born in Medina in the month of Shaban in the fourth year of migration, and he is the second son of Imam Ali (A.S).

After the birth of the Imam, an angel came down from heaven named Gabriel, who congratulated the holy Prophet (PBUH) on Imam Hussain's birth and said to him: Allah Almighty send you Salam (peace) and recommends that you name this blessed child Hussain. So the Prophet (PBUH) kissed him and said: (Hussain is from me and I am from Hussain. Allah loves who loves Hussain).

Have you thought about what the prophet meant when he said the phrase?

On the Back of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)

Medina

Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain as well as their sister Zeinab (A.S.) grew up, In the house of the holy Prophet (PBUH). The Prophet used say: (Hassan and Hussain (A.S.) are the masters of the youths of Heaven). And why not? As He is the infallible Imam, the son of the infallible Imam, the brother of the infallible Imam, the son of Al-Zahra Al-Batool and the fifth of the people of the Cloak (Ahl al-Kisa).

Ask your mother and father about the story of Ahl al-Kisa

Let me also tell you something, when Imam Hassan and Hussain were young, they would climb on the back of their grandfather, Al-Mustafa, to play while he was prostrating in prayer and he would prolong the prostration so that he would not spoil their game, he loves them to this extent

My Hussaini friends. Let's check together the information we have learnt:

What is the name of Imam Hussain (A.S.)'s father?	
What is his mother's name?	
What is the name of his grandfather?	
Who is his brother?	
Who is his sister?	
Who named him Hussain?	
Where was Imam Hussain born and in what year?	

martyrdom of Imam Hassan (A.S)

Medina

I previously told you that Imam Hassan (A.S.) is the older brother of Imam Hussain (A.S.). I missed telling you that Imam Hassan entered into a peace agreement with Mu'awiya. The agreement specified that if Muawiyah died, Imam Hassan (A.S.) would become the ruler, and if Imam Hassan (A.S.) died, the ruler would be Imam Hussain (A.S).

After the martyrdom of Imam Hassan (A.S.), due to the poison placed by his wife Ja›da, and after the death of Muawiya, Yazid became the caliphate.

Goodbye to Medina

Yazid sent a letter to Al-Walid bin Ataba (the governor of Medina), ordering him to the pledge of allegiance from Imam Hussain (A.S)

Imam Hussain (A.S.) replied to Al-Walid saying: (Surely, we are the progeny of Prophethood, the treasure-chest of messengership, the place of coming and going of angels and the station of descent of mercy ... A man like me does not pay allegiance to a man like him).

The day after Imam Hussain (A.S.) decided to leave Medina and go to Mecca.

12Thousand Letters

Imam Hussain (A.S.) arrived to Mecca and he stayed in it for a period of time.

People in Kufa began to understand the reality of Bani Umaimah and their deception, so they started writing to Imam Hussain (A.S, asking him to go to them so that they can pledge allegiance for him instead of Yazid.

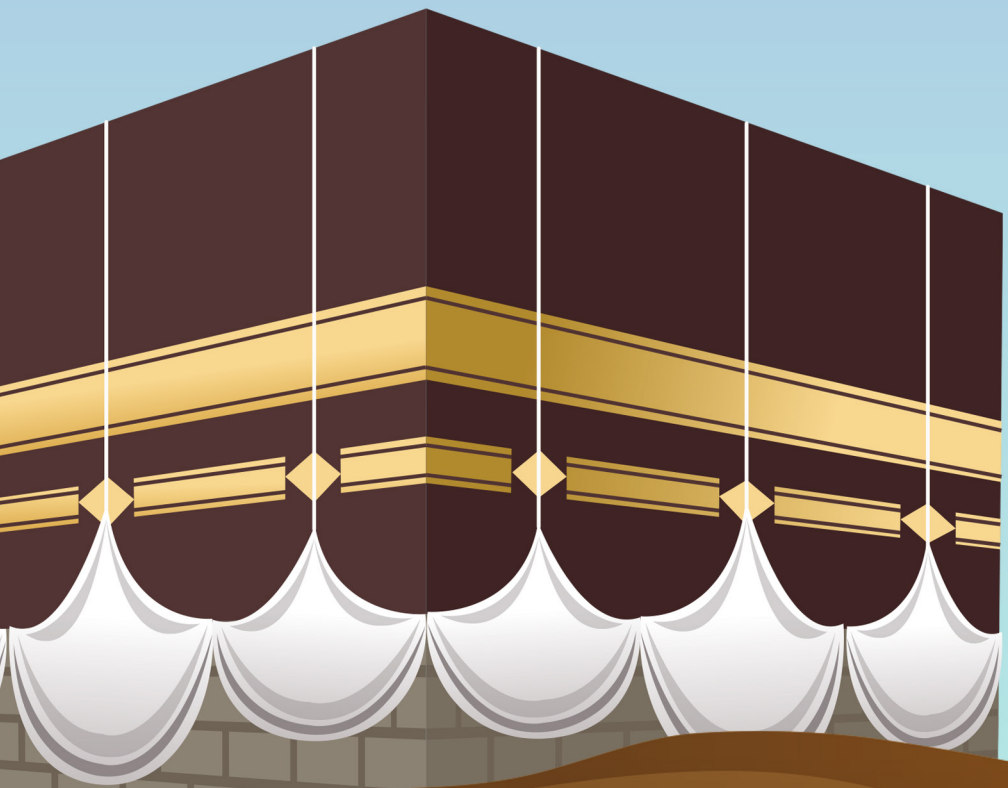
Do you believe, O beloved children, that the number of letters that reached the Imam (A.S.) is twelve thousand letters?

Goodbye to Mecca

Mecca

On the seventh day of the Hijri month of Dhu al-Hijjah, Imam Hussain (A.S.) stood in front of the Kaaba and delivered a famous sermon. He announced to all pilgrims about his journey and determination to revolt against Yazid.

Imam Hussain (A.S.) left Mecca towards Kufa on the eighth day of Dhu al-Hijjah.



Give them Water, they are Thirsty.

Towards Kufa

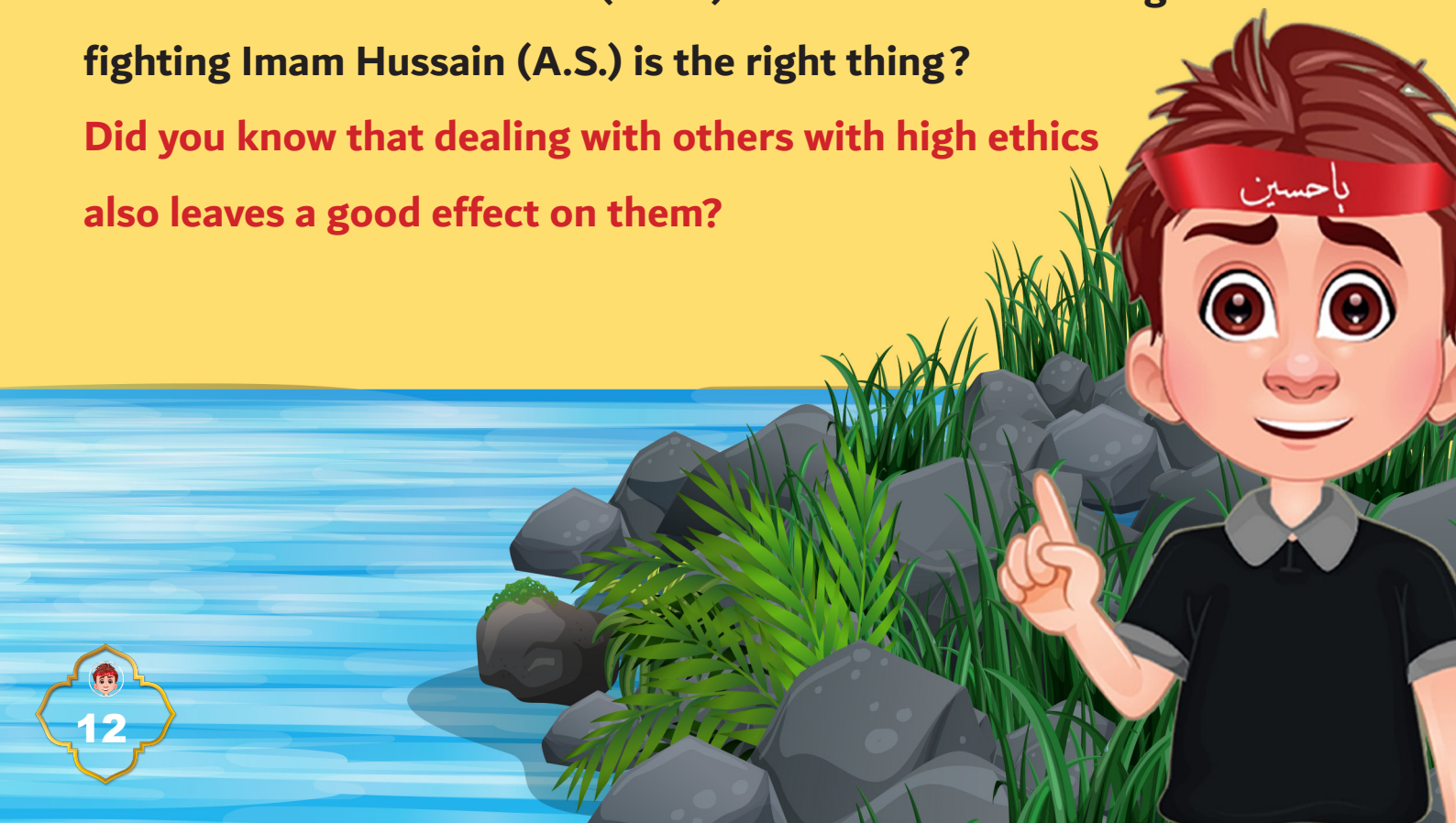
On the way of Imam Hussain (A.S.) towards Kufa, Al-Hurr Al-Riahis Army stopped and suurounded him. The Imam (A.S.) was surrounded in a place called (Dhu Hsim) and the weather was very hot. The Imam (A.S.) said to his companions when he saw the thirst and tiredness of Al-Hurr Al-Riahi›s Army: (Give water to their army and quench them and give water to their horses and even bathe them.

They were very thirsty; the Imams heart was very kind and loving .

Because of the harassment of the Army of Al-Hurr, Imam Hussain (A.S.) changed his direction from Kufa to Karbala.

After this incident, Al-hurr started thinking about the way he treated Imam Hussain (A.S.). He was wondering if the fighting Imam Hussain (A.S.) is the right thing?

Did you know that dealing with others with high ethics also leaves a good effect on them?



What a Thirst!

When Imam hussain arrived to Karbala, the companions of soldiers. Whereas, ٨٠ Imam Hussain (A.S.) were not more than the number of soldiers from the Umayyad army was thirty thousand. Are you surprised at their huge number?

In spite of that, the Umayyad army prevented Hussain (A.S.) from water, and he who watered them with his hands when they were thirsty!

After negotiations with the commander of the Umayyad army, Omar Ibn Saad, the decisive decision was to fight, and here begins a new chapter on the road to heaven.

come on beloved, let's check our information

Where was the Imam (A.S.) stopped and surrounded?	
Why did Al-Hurr Al-Riahi leave the army of Yazid?	
Who is the commander of the Umayyad army?	
What was the decision of the Umayyad army after the negotiations?	

We are from the companions of Hussain (A.S)

In Karbala

And remember that you can be a companion of Imam Al-Hussain Now, by your commitment to everything that Imam Al-Hussain (A.S.) committed to. And remember that there is an infallible imam among us who is the guardian of age and time, may Allah Almighty hasten his honourable reappeaance. So be one of those who prepare for his honourable reappearance.

We must stick to our prayer and all the good manners to which Imam Al-Hussain (A.S.) followed.

We are with You

On that day, dear beloved, Imam Hussain (A.S.) gathered his companions and

He said to them: (Tomorrow I will be killed, and you will all be killed with me, and there will not be anyone of you left).

They replied: Praise be to Allah who honoured us with supporting you and honoured us by being killed with you. Wouldn't you be please with us to be with you in your rank in heaven, son of the Messenger of Allah?

He (A.S.) said: May Allah reward you and he prayed for them for goodness.

The companions of the Imam (A.S.) were with him in the most difficult of difficulties, so we must choose our friends carefully as well.

They make a Sound like the Buzz of Bees

On the night of the tenth of Muharram, beloved ones...

Hussain (A.S.) and his companions spent that night, between kneeling and prostrating, standing and sitting and they had a sound just like the buzzing of bees .

And the Imam (A.S.) gathered his companions and the people of his household, saying, after he had authorized them to separate from him and disperse in the countries in order to escape from being killing: (I have given permission to all of you. So, go ahead freely without any embarrassment or disgrace. And this night has covered you, so take advantage of it to leave. Then let every man take the hand of a man from my household, and scatter in the darkness of this night. And leave me with these people. They do not want someone else except me, and if they catch me, they would be amazed and will leave others).

But, dear beloved, they refused and did not disperse and preferred to stay with him until the end. These are the true companions who love their Imam ..

May Allah have mercy on you, O Muslim Ibn Awsajah

Let me tell you something

Muslim Ibn Awsajah is one of the companions of Imam Hussain (A.S.) who fought heroically and then was killed. When he was barely a life, Imam Hussain (A.S.) walked to him and addressed him and said: (May Allah have mercy on you O Muslim Ibn Awsajah).

Habib Ibn Mazhar, one of the companions of Imam Hussain, approached Mislim as well, and said to him: (O Muslim, it is painful to see you killed. You will be going to heaven).

Muslim said to him: Allah bless you with good news.

Habib said to him: If I had not known that I will follow in your footsteps in this hour, I would have liked that you would tell me your will to all that matter to you.

Muslim said to Habib: Rather, I will tell you this, may Allah have mercy on you, and he pointed to Imam Hussain (A.S.) that you would die before him.

Habib said: I will do, swearing by the Lord of the Kaaba.

Did you know, my dear ones, to what degree the companions of Imam Hussain (A.S.) loved their Imam? ... He said: I recommend this to you and pointed to Hussain (A.S.) and was martyred.

I do not Choose Anything over Heaven In Karbala

Do you remember what happened between Al-Hurr and Hussin (A.S.)? Al-Hurr was affected by what Imam Hussain did. After a long thought, Al-Hurr decided to leave the army of Yazid and joined Imam Hussain (A.S).

him: (You are the free as your mother called you and you are the free in this world and you are the free in the hereafter Do you know why the Imam (A.S.) told him you are the free as your mother called you? Because he was in the army of Yazid, but he chose the path to heaven and joined Hussain and he said his famous saying (I do not choose anything over heaven

Al-Hurr Al-Riahi joined the companions of the Imam (A.S.) while saying that I do not choose anything over heaven even if I was to be cut and burned. He killed forty horsemen and footmen and was still fighting until the leg of his horse was cut and he stayed without a horse and fought until he was killed So the companions of Imam Hussain (A.S.) lifted him and put him between the hands of the Imam and he was thirsty. Imam Hussain (A.S.) wiped the dirt from his face and said to

By Allah, this (beard) won't be painted except by my blood defending Hussain (A.S)

Habib Ibn Madhahir lived during the days of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and memorized all his hadiths. Gabriel told the Prophet (PBUH) that Habib would be a companion of Imam Hussain (A.S.) in Karbala and that he would sacrifice himself for Hussain (A.S.) and his sanctity; just as how close he was to the Prince of the believers (Amir al-Mu›minin), Imam Ali bin Abi Talib (A.S.) and he was one of his main companions (A.S.) and he participated with him in all his wars .

Imam Hussain (A.S.) sent a message to Habib Ibn Madhahir, in which he said..

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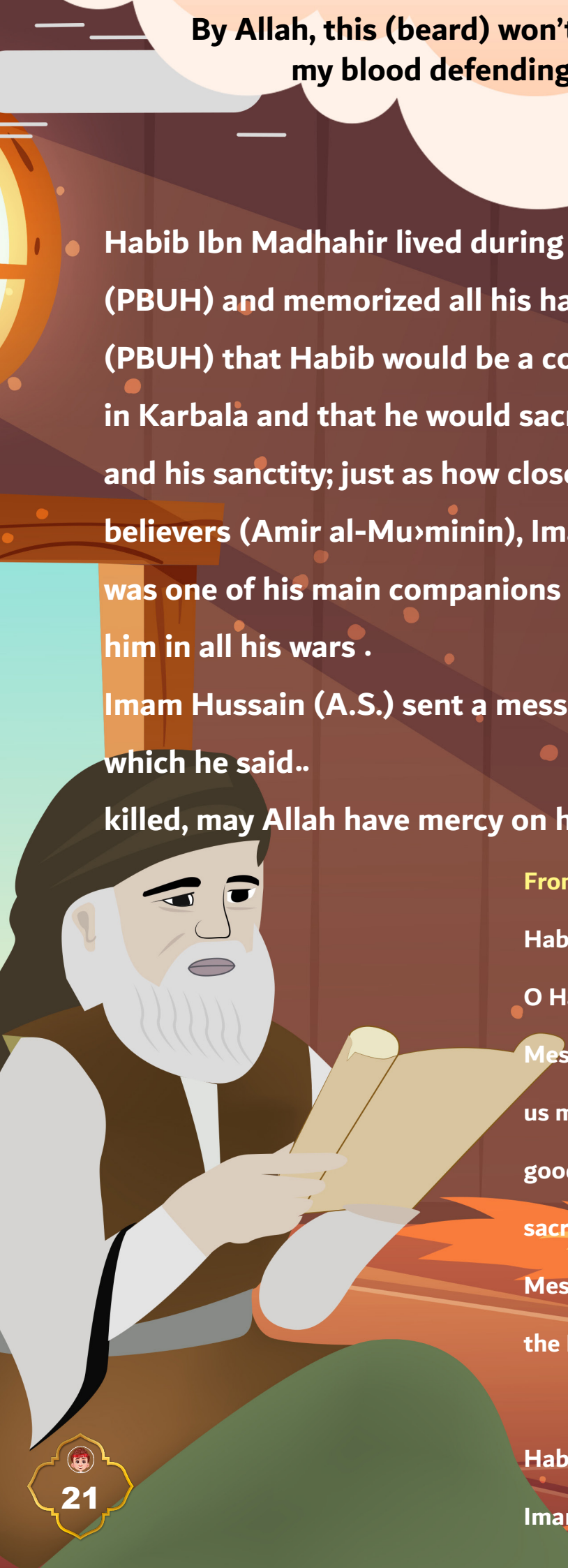


From Hussain bin Ali (A.S.) to the scholar, Habib bin Madhahir

O Habib, you know our kinship with the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), and you know us more than others, and you are a person of goodwill and integrity, so do not be stingy on sacrificing yourself for us. My grandfather, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), will reward you on the Day of Resurrection

Habib answered the call and fought with the Imam until he was

You are my Imam in Heaven

When the time for prayer came, Imam Hussain (A.S.) prayed with his companions while the enemies were shooting arrows at them, so one of the companions, whose name was Saeed Al-Hanafi, was standing in front of the arrows to protect Imam Hussain, so he was the target for the brawling arrows of the enemies until he fell on the ground. So, he turned to the Imam (A.S.) saying: Have I done enough O son of the Messenger of Allah?

Then the Imam (A.S.) said to him: Yes, you are in heaven before me.

My dear friends, have you seen how the Imam (A.S.) during the battle, did not leave his prayer? The Imam was martyred for the sake of religion, and prayer is the pillar of religion, so you should not leave your prayer or underestimate it.

The title of the martyr Ali Al-Akbar is (the oldest) because he was older than Imam Zain Al-Abidin, and this was stated by Al-Sajjad (A.S.) when Ibn Ziyad said to him: Did not Allah kill Ali?

The Imam said: He was an older brother, called Ali, and you killed. himWhen no one was still with the Imam on Ashura except the people of his household, Ali Al Akbar (A.S.) approached his father (A.S.) and asked permission to fight, and he was on a horse called Jinnah. So, he gave him permission, then the Imam looked at him with a hopeless look, and closed his eyes, then he cried and said: (Oh Allah, you are the witness over them, for a young man appeared to them who the most similar in looks, in character, and in logic to your Messenger (PBUH))).

Then he returns to his father and says: (O thirst, father!!). Imam Hussain (A.S.) said to him: (Be patient, my beloved, before the night comes, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) will give you water from his cup). Then he came back to the battle, then Munqith al-Abdi saw him fighting, so he blocked him and stabbed him, then Ali Al-Akbar fell. Then, the enemies surrounded him and cut him with their swords.

The Merciful cries of Zainab (A.S.) — In Karbala

When Ali Al-Akbar (A.S.) was killed, Lady Zainab (A.S.), the sister of Imam Hussain (A.S.), ran out of the tent, followed by women and children behind her, calling “O beloved, O Ali“. As soon as Zainab reached him, she threw herself at him, so Hussain (A.S.) cried when he saw her in this state as a mercy for her crying and said: (We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return).

On our way to Heaven, O beloved, let us remember together some of the information we read in the book

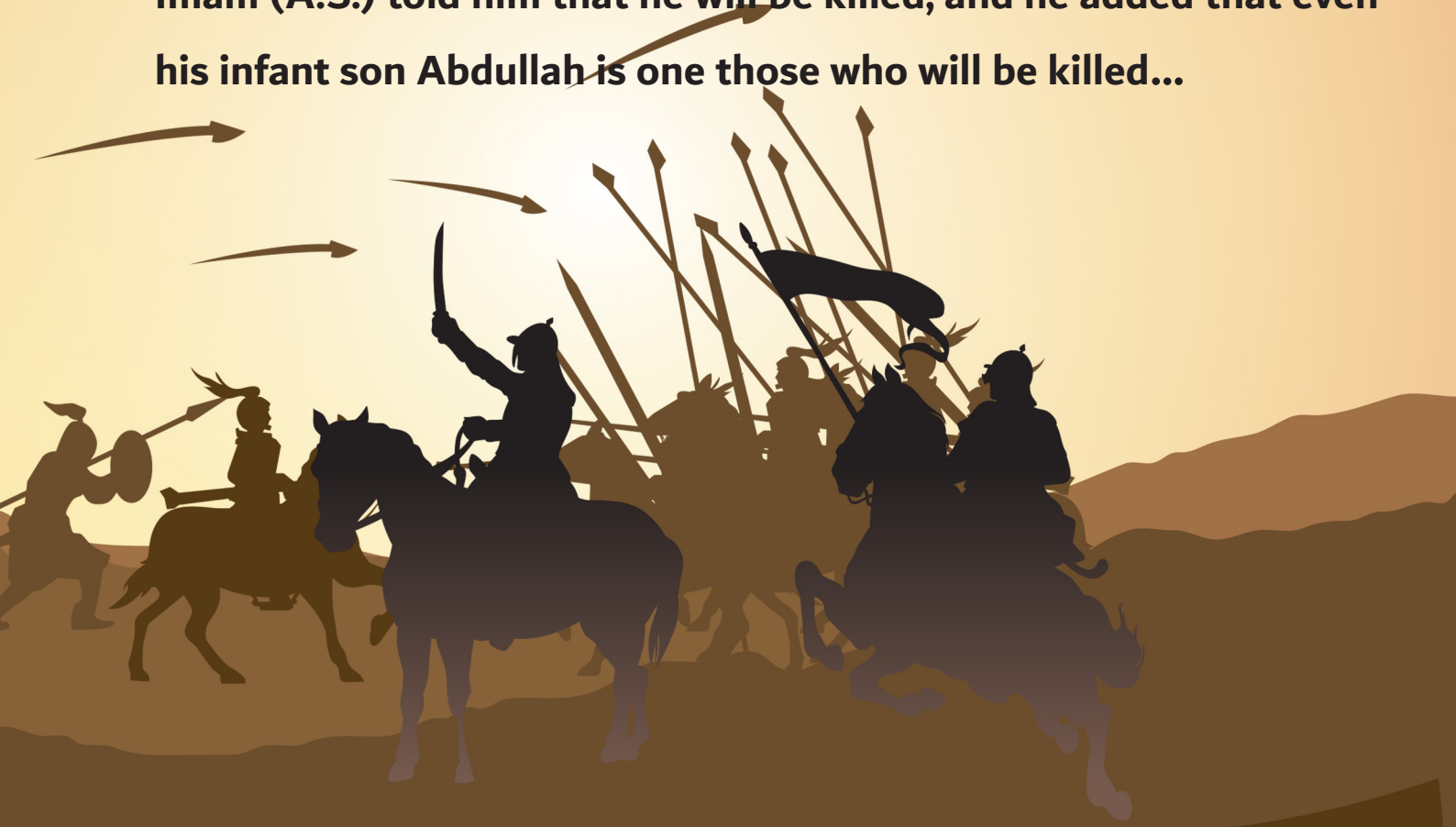
What did Imam Hussain say to Muslim Ibn Awsajah?	
What is the will of Muslim Ibn Awsajah to Habib Ibn Mathahir?	
Who is the companion that the Imam (A.S.) described as having a goodwill and integrity?	
Who is the companion who stopped arrows with his chest to protect the Imam (A.S.) during the prayers?	

Imam Hussain said to Al-Qasim, who is the son of his brother Hassan (A.S.):

O son, all my companions will be killed tomorrow. There, Al-Qasim proceeded to ask: O uncle, will I be one of those who will be killed tomorrow?

And before the Imam answering him (A.S.) he asked Al-Qasim, How do you find death ?

He said: O uncle, in supporting you, sweeter than honey. Then, the Imam (A.S.) told him that he will be killed, and he added that even his infant son Abdullah is one those who will be killed...



Al-Qasim got shocked and asked:

O uncle does the enemy reach the camp? While shivering in front of the news that reached him that the infant Abdullah will be killed.

He was not affected only by the martyrdom of his young cousin, although it was a big incident and it causes a severe pain. But, also he was affected because he also cared about the women.

And he fought a tough fight until a cursed person struck him on his forehead, so Al-Qasim fell down and cried: O uncle, come to me.

Blessed is the empathetic brother to Hussain (A.S)

In Karbala

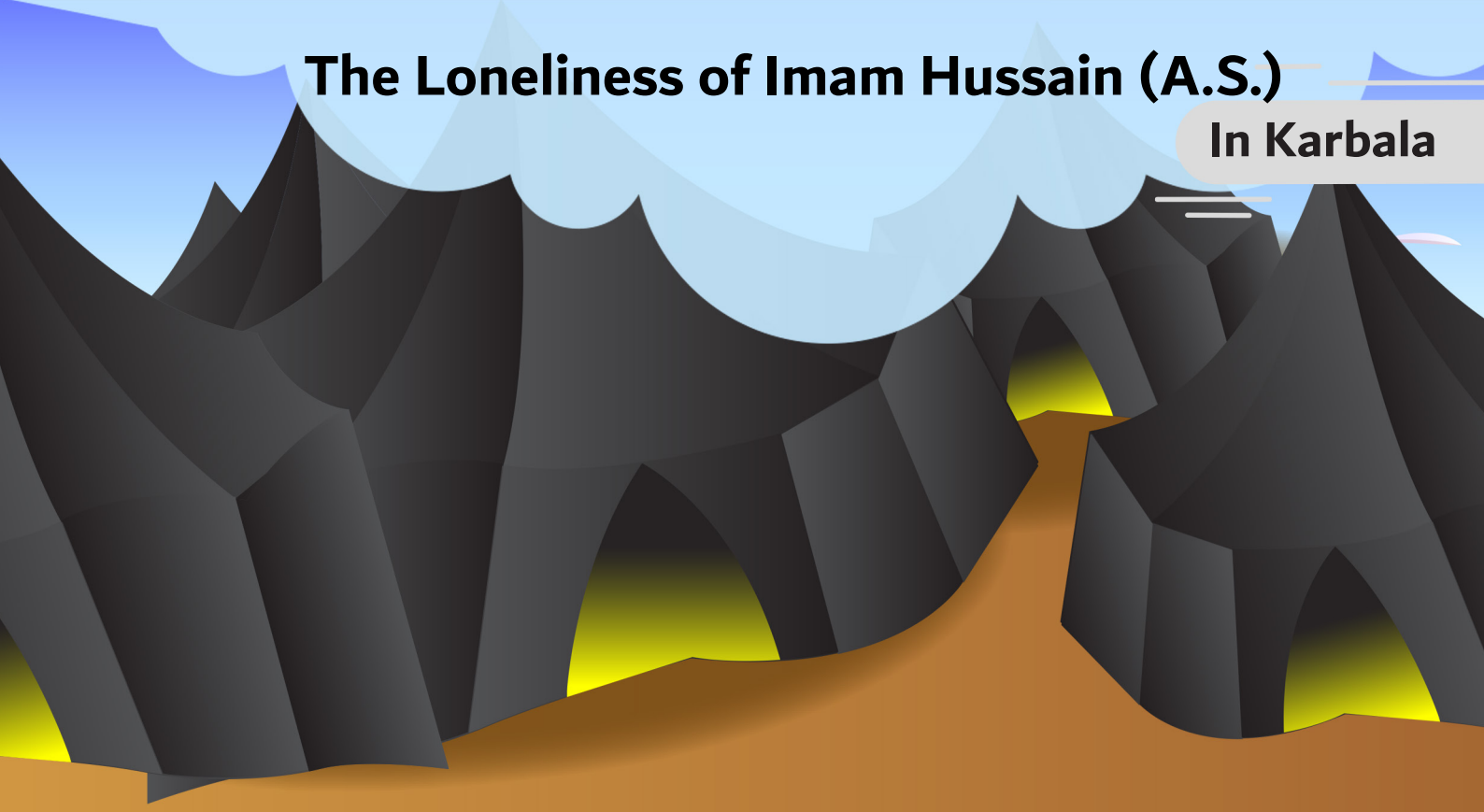
Al-Abbas bin Ali bin Abi Talib (A.S.) His mother Umm al-Banin (A.S.). He is known as Abu al-Fadl, Qamar Bani Hashem and Batal Al-Alqami. Of course you all know Abbas› Bravery, dont you?

The holder of the flag of his brother Hussain (A.S.). He broke the siege on the seventh and tenth of Muharram after the camp was deprived of drinking the Euphrates (Al-Furat) water. He managed to bring water to Hussain's camp in the first attempt, so he was called Al-Saqa›a, and he was martyred on his way back from the second attempt, while he refused to drink without Hussain and his camp. His is hands were cut off.

Al-Abbas gave us a lesson in altruism, in order to put our faithful brothers before ourselves.

The Loneliness of Imam Hussain (A.S.)

In Karbala



Imam Hussain (A.S.) looked at seventy-two of the people of his family and companions who had been killed. So he turned around to the tent and called: O Sakina, O Fatima, O Zainab, O Umm Kulthum, may peace be upon you

Sakina called to him: O father, did you give up to death?

He said: How can someone who has no support or helper not give up!

She said: O father, return us to the place of our grandfather.

He said: No way, if Al-Qatta bird was left, it would have fallen asleep (the imam means that the enemies wouldn't leave him alone no matter where he goes).

The women screamed, and Hussain (A.S.) silenced them and left to fight the enemies.

What is the Fault of the Little Ones?

In Karbala

Imam Hussain (A.S.) went to the camp on the Day of Ashura with a bent back after Al-Abbas›s death. Aqeelah Bani Hashem Zainab al-Kubra who received him with the infant Abdullah, saying: My brother, O Abu Abdullah, his the mother›s milk of this child has dried up. So, go with him to the enemies so that they might give him a little water. So, Imam Hussain (A.S.) went out to them, walking out carrying the infant child.

He shouted: O people, if it is the sin of the adults, what is the sin of the children .

The people differed among themselves, some of them said: Do not give the infant water, and some said: give him water, and some of them said: Do not keep alive anyone of the people of this household. Then Umar bin Saad turned to Harmalah bin Kahal al-Asadi (may Allah curse them) and said to him: Oh Harmala, cut off the people's conflict .

Harmala says: I understood the prince's words, so I struck the arrow in the loins of the bow in the child›s neck, as his neck shined on the hands of his father Hussain (A.S.) as if it were a silver jug .

Imam Hussain (A.S.) fought until he arrived to the Euphrates river (Al-Furat). The Imam came of his horse, he wated to drink water and then he saw horse wanting to drink too, so the Imam (A.S.) said:

You are thirsty, and I am thirsty, By Allah I will not taste water until you drink. When the horse heard that, he raised his head and did not drink. Then the Imam (A.S.) said, I will drink then.

When the Imam scooped the water with his hands, A horseman said, «Do you drink water and your family is being attacked? Then the Imam (A.S.) dropped the water of his hand and he started attacking the enemies, and he moved them away from the tents, and then realised that the tents were unharmed they were lying!

Youre Thirsty, and Im Thirsty

In Karbala

Beloved, did you notice that Hussain (A.S.) was so caring for animals? A lot of different lessons could be learnt from Karbala. Did you see how the Imam dropped the water from his hand and did not drink because he was concerned for his family. To be concerned for your brother, sister, mother and father. This is a very important thing ..

The last Will

Before the Imam (A.S) went to the battlefield, he called out loudly, O Zaynab, O Umm Kulthum, O Sakina, O Ruqayah, and O Fatima, listen to my words and know that this son is my successor to you (meaning Imam Sajjad (A.S.)), and he is an imam who is supposed to be obeyed.

Then he said to Imam al-Sajjad (A.S.): (O my son, send Salam *peace) to my Shiites on my behalf. Tell them that my father died a stranger, so cry over him, and he left as a martyr, so mourn him).

In order for the religion of Allah to be victorious, Imam Hussain (A.S.) went to fight the enemies and fought them with great courage and killed a great number of them.
But (as we knew from earlier) the army of Yazid was very large and the Imam was alone...
So, the army of Yazid has surrounded from all directions; a group with stones, a group with swords, a group with spears and a group with arrows. So, the Imam had a lot of wounds; in his head, heart, and all of his blessed body.
The Imam was left on the dust of Karbala melting by the heat of the sun and he is optimistic of entering heaven and he talks to Allah Almighty saying: Take (O Allah) until you are content.
Until the Imam (A.S.) joined the caravan of martyrs...

So he became: **The master of martyrs**.

And Zainab Leaves

When the people of Umayyah burned the tents and gathered the children and women that were in them; they found all of them shouting and crying: O thirst.
The children escaped running everywhere, so Lady Zainab gathered them (A.S.), but she did not find Ruqyah (A.S.), the daughter of Imam Hussain (A.S.). Zainab (A.S.) went out with Lady Umm Kulthum and Lady Sakina looking for her and found that she had thrown herself on the body Her dad..

On the return, Sakina asked Ruqyah how did you find my father›s body, and she said: I was crying between the bodies, (Father, father) and then suddenly I heard my father's voice, saying: Come to me, come to me..

The caravan of Hussain from Karbala was taken.
They tied Imam al-Sajjad (A.S.) and carried the family of the Messenger of Allah on camels, to begin another journey of pain, sadness, steadfastness and glory for the sake of Allah.

Did you know who won in the tragedy of Karbala

Imam Hussain (A.S.) became a martyr be he was never defeated. But actually, he was victorious over the oppressors. He we won because he fought for the prayer ... don't you hear Adhan (prayer call) all over the world? All of this is from the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (A.S.). Hussain fought the oppressors to ensure that the good manners and excellent ethics is passed to us. And so that the path to heaven is drawn to us.

The reward for this work is dedicated to the soul of the late child Hassan Ibrahim Milad

May Allah have mercy on those who recite Al-Fatihah

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